Misreporting on terrorist activities in J and K

†2732. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suffered a severe diplomatic setback due to misreporting in Indian newspapers regarding terrorist activities being conducted by Pakistan in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider imposing a ban on such newspapes and journalists;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORAMTION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) No Sir. In fact, there is an increasing recognition among the international community of Pakistan's role in sponsoring cross-border terrorism and a growing acknowledgement of the validity of India's concerns on the role of Pakistan as a sponsor of terrorism directed against India. Most Indian newspapers have, in fact, highlighted the role of Pakistan as the epicenter of global terrorism and as the sponsor of cross-border terrorism in J and K. The Indian Media has also constantly reported on the activities of Pakistani agencies in formenting instablity, violence and bloodshed in the State of J and K.

Air, Panaji, Goa

2733. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff of All India Radio, Panaji, designation-wise;

(b) the number of hours of broadcasting of All India Radio, Panaji;

(c) the reasons for not extending MW and FM transmissions from All India Radio, Panaji:

(d) the areas to which international broadcasts are made from the high-powered transmitters at Bambolim, Goa; and

(e) the capacity of radio transmitters stationed in Goa and percentage of capacity utilization in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Information is given in the Statement-I (*See* below)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Number of hours of broadcast of AIR, Panaji for different channels are as below:

Primary Channel A: (1) 12 Hours 5 minutes on Week Days.
(2) 14 hours 15 minutes on Sunday.

CBS Channel (Vividh Bharati) : 14 Hours 20 minutes/day.
FM Metro : 12 Hours/day.

(c) MW transmission from AIR, Panaji is available on three transmission basis. With effect from 5.5.2002, FM Transmission is also available in three shifts in the morning, afternoon and evening. Within the given resources of AIR, these transmissions are considered sufficient for the existing requirement.

(d) International broadcasts for the Gulf, China and South East Asia are being made at present, from the High Power Transmitters at Bombolim-Goa.

(e) The information is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Number of staff of All India Radio, Panaji, designations-wise

Sl. No.	Designation	No. in position
1.	Station Director (Selection Grade)	1
2.	Station Engineer	1
3.	Asstt. Station Director	2
4.	News Correspondent	1
5.	Audience Research Officer	1
6.	Asstt. News Editor	2
7.	Programme Executive	6
8.	Asstt. Engineer	1
9.	Administrative Officer	1
10.	Hindi Officer	1
11.	Sr. Engineering Asstt.	6
12.	News Reader cum Translator	3
13.	Engineering Assistant	9
14.	Transmission Executive	10

Sl. No.	Designation	No. in position
15.	Violin player	2
16.	Tanpura player	2
17.	Sitar Player	1
18.	Announcer (Sr.)	4
19.	Announcer (Jr.)	4
20.	Stenographer Gr. I	1
21.	Stenographer Gr. III	1
22.	Investigator	2
23.	Assistant/Acct/HC	1
24.	Storekeeper(Jr.)	1
25.	Upper Division Clerk	8
26.	LDC	12
27.	Sr. Technician	2
28.	Jr. Technician	4
29.	Motor Driver	4
30.	Tea maker	1
31.	Library Attendant	1
32.	Studio Attendant	3
33.	Studio Guard	3
34.	Daftary	2
35.	Helper	1
36.	Khalasi	1
37.	Sorter	1
38.	Peons	3
39.	Farash	2
40.	Mali	1
41.	Security Guard	5
42.	Safaiwala	2
	TOTAL:	120

Statement-II

Capacity of Radio Transmitter stationed in Goa and percentage of capacity utilisation

Transmitter/ Channel at Goa	Transmitter capacity	Capacity Utilisation within allocated transmission
Panaji A	100 KW MW	100%
Panaji B	20 KW MW	100%
Panaji FM (Metro)	6 KW FM	100%
Shortwave Transmitter at HPT, AIR, Bambolim	250 KW SW (2Nos.)	100%

Amendment to the Cinematography Act, 1952

2734. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Cinematography Act, 1952;

(b) whether any core Committee has been appointed to discuss the amendments; and

(c) if so, by when the Bill is expected to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has constituted a Core Committee to consider the suggestions received from various quarters as well as the guidelines prevalent in various countries and make recommendations for amendment of the Cinematograph Act, the rules made thereunder and the certification guidelines. No proposal has, however, been received by the Government from CBFC so far.